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FAC Spotlight: Revenue's Karen Johnson Completes Governor's Minority Management Trainee Program

Five years ago, Karen Johnson, a taxpayer specialist with the Dept. of Revenue, gave up the hectic life of a world trade logistics analyst with Lexmark to take on the sometimes contentious job of tax collections.

Johnson, though, enjoys the challenge of working with delinquent corporate and small business liabilities.

"I enjoy helping the taxpayer in whatever capacity I can to resolve their case or come to a resolution that helps both the state and the taxpayer."

Taking on new challenges and always striving to do the best job possible, are important to Johnson. That's why she decided to pursue certification in Governor's Minority Management Trainee Program (GMMTP). Last week she completed the program and was nominated by her fellow classmates to deliver the "Reflections from the Class of 2014" at their graduation ceremony.



Karen Johnson receiving her certificate from Arthur Lucas, Executive Director, Office of Diversity & Equality, Personnel Cabinet.

"This program was enlightening and I believe it has given me a better understanding on how to lead effectively and given me the confidence in my abilities to pursue a leadership role in state government.

"I met some wonderful people, gained tremendous friendships and grew professionally and personally. I was humbled that my classmates asked me to share our experiences at graduation."

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REMINDER: Payroll Deferral

The 2012-2014 Budget Bill mandates that the June 30, 2014 regular payroll shall not be issued prior to July 1, 2014. This means the June 30, 2014 payroll will be issued on Tuesday, July 1.

Employees should have received detailed information that explains this payroll delay and provides specific information about the potential impact on employees.

Should you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact the Division of Human Resources at 564-7233.

E-Scrap a Success!

Nearly two box truckloads of old electronic waste were hauled away Friday afternoon. Lots of TVs and mammoth computer monitors were most prevalent. It's amazing how quickly CPUs, monitors and other items became obsolete.

Thanks to the Dept. of Environmental Protection for co-sponsoring and to all the volunteers who helped throughout the day.

A hearty thanks goes to Garth Vinson, Landscape Branch Manager and his staff. We would not have been able to do the event without their planning and setup. Another thanks goes to Wes Payton and his staff at Fleet Management. They manned the tire pressure checkpoint, which was well received.

Remember: Recycle and sustain!

Landscape Branch Employees

Jas Barnard	Ross Flatt
Bill Blackburn	Cameron Harrod
Matt Brown	Timothy Holbert
David Buniff	Ryan Reed
Joe Buniff	Garth Vinson
Michael Chadwell	



Fleet Management

Yas Arevalo
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Environmental Protection

Roberta Burns
Kris Fink
Grant White

Dept. of Revenue

Alex Fisher
Derrick Meadows

Melissa Johnstone
Matt Stiles
Kyle Watkins

Johnson is a native Kentuckian and resides in Lexington. Outside of state government, she is active in her church serving as treasurer and administrative assistant to the pastor.

The Governor's Minority Management Trainee Program, created in 1995, was the first such program of its kind in the nation. This recruitment and professional development tool was established to increase the representation of minority managers within state government. GMMPT offers an experience that enables participants to cultivate the skills needed to serve Kentucky's citizens in an effective and responsive manner. Participants receive in-depth, practical training through classroom instruction, on-the-job experience and special projects.

For information on the GMMTP, contact Colene Elridge at 502.564.8000.

E-Scrap in Pictures



Yas Arevalo, Fleet Mgmt, at the tire checkpoint.



L-R: Jas Barnard, Bill Blackburn, Timothy Holbert, Joe Buniff, David Buniff, Ross Flatt, Garth Vinson, all with Landscape and Roberta Burns, Environmental Protection.



Are You a Hiker Who Likes Photography or a Photographer Who Likes to Hike?

Ky State Nature Preserves Commission Offers Photography Contest

Hike one of Kentucky's scenic nature preserves trails and take a photo while you're there. That's what the 2014 Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission photography contest is all about. Categories include plants, animals, insects, landscapes, and people miscellaneous.



Open until Oct. 17, 2014, simply take a photo while hiking a trail at a state nature preserve and upload it to the agency's Flickr page at <https://www.flickr.com/groups/ksnpc/>. The overall winner will receive a KSNPC-staff autographed copy of Kentucky's Natural Heritage: An Illustrated Guide to Biodiversity and recognition on KSNPC's newsletter and social media pages.

To learn more, please visit <http://naturepreserves.ky.gov> or contact the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission at 502-573-2886.

Kentucky's state nature preserves protect the best remaining natural areas in the state. These preserves are considered living museums, presenting a window to the landscapes of Kentucky's past. Visit one or all of the following state nature preserves:

- Bad Branch (Letcher Co.)
- Beargrass Creek (Jefferson Co.)
- Bissell Bluff WMA/SNA (Livingston Co.)
- Blackacre (Jefferson Co.)
- [Blanton Forest \(Harlan Co.\)](#)
- Blue Licks (Robertson Co.)
- Boone County Cliffs (Boone Co.)
- Brigadoon (Barren Co.)
- Cascade Caverns (Carter Co.)
- Cumberland Falls (McCreary & Whitley Co.)
- Dinsmore Woods (Boone Co.)
- Floraciff (Fayette Co.)
- James E. Bickford (Harlan Co.)
- Jesse Stuart (Greenup Co.)
- John B. Stephenson Memorial Forest (Rockcastle Co.)
- John James Audubon (Henderson Co.)
- Kingdom Come (Letcher Co.)
- Logan County Glade (Logan Co.)
- Lower Howard's Creek (Clark Co.)
- Martin's Fork WMA/SNA (Harlan Co.)
- Metropolis Lake (McCracken Co.)
- Natural Bridge (Powell Co.)
- Newman's Bluff WMA/SNA (Livingston Co.)
- Pilot Knob (Powell Co.)
- Pine Mountain (Bell Co.)
- Pine Mountain Trail (Harlan Co.)
- Quiet Trails (Harrison Co.)
- Tom Dorman (Garrard and Jessamine Co.)
- Vernon-Douglas (Hardin Co.)

E-Scrap In Pictures



L-R: Melissa Johnstone and Derrick Meadows, Revenue



Cameron Harrod, Landscape, head over heels in the box looking for keys that a customer dropped. Mike Chadwell, Landscape, helping out.

Below L-R: Grant White & Kris Fink, Environmental Protection; Ryan Reed, Landscape; Harry Smith, Env. Protection.



L-R: Kyle Watkins & Matt Stiles, Revenue.



Above L-R: Derrick Meadows, Revenue; Mike Chadwell, Matt Brown & Cameron Harrod, Landscape.

Photo Left: Garth Vinson, Landscape, shoots a 3-pointer.